

# Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2014-15 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of January 19, 2015

## MAIL SHACK CREEK AREA

No hunter reports from this area this past week on if there are any birds are in any of the fields in this area. One hunter report from last week was that he had seen a couple of smaller flocks coming out of the creek. The trails going into the parking area are very muddy.

## REGISTRATION AREA

The registration trailer and fields have been keeping busy with hunters reporting back on good success depending on their field selection. With the warm weather hunters could expect some areas being closed due to muddy conditions in the fields or access roads.

To view the status of areas open or closed to hunting along with the types of crops in the fields at the bottom of the Lower Oahe page or by downloading the app to your smart phone.

## PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

Pass shooters had another good day over the weekend with Saturday's winds the birds were flying low enough to harvest some birds.

## SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

Reports from the striped green area in Stanley County are that there have been decent numbers of birds in and around the fields with the mud being the biggest issue when it comes to accessing the fields. The solid green colored area west of 1804 had a few birds in and around it over the weekend but no reports on success. The striped green colored area east of Grey Goose Road had some birds in the area early last week but as the weather warmed they started moving into other areas.

## SUMMARY

The birds have been coming off of the water at a much earlier time than in weeks past. Some hunters were reporting back that they saw birds in and around the fields they were in by sunrise or before.

**The decoy loaner trailers have continued to be busy this month with them being used most weekends and several of the week days. The doodle pages to reserve these trailers are updated each Sunday; the page allows hunters to reserve the trailers up to two weeks in advance. Information about the trailers and how to reserve them along with the liability waiver that will need to be filled out and signed can be found on the Lower Oahe Waterfowl page below the link to this report.**

**A quick report about the youth goose hunt.** The most important thing for this event is that everyone had a safe hunt. The weather was great compared to last year's event, other than some wind issues on Saturday the kids were able to harvest plenty of birds over the weekend, with Sunday's weather being more cooperative. Harvest totals for the close to 100 kids that participated over the weekend were around 300 geese, along with 10 gallons of chili, 600 hotdogs, 20 bags of chips, 20 dozen cookies along with several other food items. One word to describe the face on a young boy or girl when they see their first flock of geese coming into the decoys or after they harvest their first goose would have to be. Priceless